

Frances A. Woods
Journal commencing

January 1.st 1853.

Jan. 1.st A dull gloomy New years day: dark & rainy. ~~Our~~ family just now consists of Isaac & Caroline, Binda, & Helen Eighmy who came home with us two weeks ago today: & ~~Irish~~ Mary Coleman & Edward. David has been at the village nearly all the week past. We mailed a letter yesterday to Cornish Lampport & a relative to those books ordered by Prof. Stoddard. In the P.M. Binda & I rode down to the village: the rain is over & is freezing fast: quite cold.

2.nd A delightful day. Binda & I rode over to church: the singers were seated in the gallery for the first time.

Monday 3rd Carried Binda over to school as ^{well} ~~then~~ went to building a wood box to be ^{well} ~~be~~ curtained ~~we~~, for the west room. Rec'd a letter from Mrs Eichmy, wishing Hellen to come home. I suppose our plan of going to Saratoga to teach must be abandoned as the building we thought to have is already occupied.

Tuesday 4th Carried Binda over & fetched Hellen home from Mr. Kimsey & carried to the village to take the cars. Binda came home a foot.

Wednesday 5th Finished my wood box. David came home today. In the evening we visited at G. W. Taylor's.

Thursday 6th In the P. M. Caroline & I went over to Nathaniel's (Mr. Manns) & fetched Binda home from school. In the evening we visited at Hyram Woods.

Friday 7th Spent the day home except riding over for Binda. David went to the village: fetched Binda a letter from Sarah Stoddard.

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Saturday 8th Cinda & I rode over to Saratoga.
Found Mrs Eighmy very sick of ulceration
of the Stomach - scarcely expected to recover:
took dinner there & returned home. A very
warm pleasant day - prospect of a thaw.

Sabbath 9th A cloudy rainy morning: didn't
go to church -

Sunday 10th Mailed two letters one to George Turdy
the other to E. Vander. I spent the day home
except to carry & fetch Cinda

Monday 11th A warm day - thawing rapidly, went
after Cinda as usual &c.

Tuesday 12th A cold windy day, some snow
last night David went to the Springs & took
Mary - fetched Cinda a letter from Mr
Stoddard - he is sick at Eaton, Ohio.
Esac I mailed a letter to J. M. Palmer
of Berlinville, relative to opening a school
there &c.

Thursday 13th A regular snow storm is raging
cold & windy. Mr Truman came after Cinda
& fetched her home.

Friday 14th Isaac went to the village fetched a letter for Ann. Mailed a letter to Mr Wilson of Mt. Carroll relative to opening a school ~~there~~ or at Savanna. David carries Binda over & Isaac fetched her home

Saturday 15th Binda & I went up to visit Ann's school. Took dinner at Mr G. Weeds. In the P.M. Thomas Osborne visited the school he is now town Superintendent & very smart he thinks I presume. Ann has an excellent school, as good as any I ever visited. We came home early - pretty cold night -

Sabbath 16th A very cold windy day, too bad to go to church

Monday 17th A pleasant but very cold day, the first of regular winter weather -

David & I went over after Binda, ~~the~~ with Vulcan & Turk, the first time ^{by} Turk was ever harnessed - went nice.

Tuesday 18th A pretty cold day. Caroline & I went to the village in the P.M. I mailed letters to A. P. Smith Lodi, Columbia Co. Wis. C. D. Chle Cold Spring Jefferson Co. Wis.

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+ L Brown Jersey City N.J. Harnessed Lean
alone for the first time - did very well.
Wednesday 19th A cold day. David & I went
to Schenectady to ^{get} trimmings for my
harness the cost of which with leather
will be 12.95 Silver throughout.
Called at Gilbert Taylors & took
tea, reached home before 8 in evening.
Thursday 20th A pleasant day, but quite
Friday. cold. Isaac & David went over to Mr.
Bowers & got me a side of leather for
my harness. 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs at 23 cts per lb.
Friday 21st Warm. I drove Vulcan over
to carry Cinda & when I come back
Isaac & David went after the leather as
written above. In the P. M. we
carried the material for my harness
over to Mr. Hall. Went to the village
got a letter for Isaac & one for Cinda
In the evening Mr. Weed fetched Ann
down. Mary is sick today.

Saturday 22nd A fine day; we spent it home
In the P.M. Isaac went over to Saratoga
attend the funeral of Judge Marvin who
died about the 21st of December at the
the in Cuba.

Sabbath 23rd Too snowy to go to church.

Monday 24th A snowy day. In the P.M. Ann
& I went over to Linda's school.

Tuesday 25th Carried Linda to school then A.
& I visited Sarah Jacks school in West
District - Came home to dinner - in
P.M. we went to Rock City by the way
of Upper Tondom, calling at Mrs Gardners
school. A snowy afternoon.

Wednesday 26th Very cold - went to the village
with David I called at Mr Fords &c.

Thursday 27th In the P.M. I went to Rock C.
with David & called on Ann &c.

Friday 28th David carried Mary to the village
In the evening we visited at Mr Tru

Saturday 29th A delightful day spent it
home. Linda had no school.

Sabbath 30th We went to church at the Stone meeting house - Elder Brandle preached. Saw Sarah Billings for the first after her return from the west - arrived one week ago after an absence of over two years.

Monday 31st Spent the day in writing. Isaac received a letter from J. Willson of Mt. Carroll on Saturday relative to school matters &c

Tuesday Feb 1st In the afternoon we went to the village. Left Caroline at Spencer & David at Ballston to go up to Saratoga on the cars. Mailed a letter to J. Willson & a paper to G. H. Purdy, Isaac mailed a letter to B. B. Richards. On our way home we called at Mr Billings & Johnson's fetched Linda home from school

Wednesday 2nd We all went to the Donation party for Mr Beattie - had a pleasant time - met

in the church & took refreshments at
the house

Thursday 3rd Had a visit from Mr. A. Nash of
Troy; took dinner then Mr. McIntosh
took him to the village

Friday 4th Went to the village & got caught
in the rain

Saturday 5th A very rainy day, the snow
wasting rapidly - David came home
from Saratoga

Sabbath 6th A stormy day - no going to church

Monday 7th Busy sewing - A pleasant day.

Tuesday 8th A delightful day. Cinda came
home sick before noon. In the P. M.
I drove down to the village: got a letter
from Chas in Wisconsin

Wednesday 9th We attended a sewing party at
Mr. Beathes - had a fine time - Cinda
came in the evening

Thursday 10th I got my harness home - quite
first rate - it has cost me near \$30
but its cheap at that

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Friday 11.th Carried Mr Hall two beds
& the bedding for two beds & let them
have the bedstead over to the other
house & sent & got a cord for
him —

Saturday 12.th A fine day. M. & L. Nims
spent the afternoon here. In the evening
David went the village —

Sunday 13.th A snowy day - no going to church

Monday 14.th A very windy, cold day - no
stirring scarcely snow flying when!

Tuesday 15.th Rather pleasant Caroline & I went
to the village. drove my new harness for
the first

Wednesday 16.th A rainy day

Thursday 17.th Cold & windy. I went to the
village in the P.M. got five letters, two
for Ann & one for Isaac one for Linda
from Mrs. & one for Linda & me
from H. Wilson. relative to our school

A Mr. Carroll, it seems very favorable
Ann came home with us from Rock City

Friday 18th We set out about 11 A.M.
for Maltan with a company of about
arrived at G. Tallmudge about 3 P.M.
had a good visit there but was ^{very} sick
& disgusted with the company we
went with; the last time I get
caught with them I am pretty sure.
M. Kims came home with the loc
Recrd. a paper from J. Wilson

Saturday 19th A pleasant but cold
day - in the P.M. Linda & I went
to the village & home by Mr. Bill
-ing - Sarah came home with
us, stayed till Monday morning -
Sabbath 20th Linda, Sarah & I
went over to church. In the P.M.
we went & carried Ann to R. City
Monday 21st Carried Linda to school &
Sarah home - & went after Linda -
Tuesday 22nd A snowy morning ending
with rain.

Wednesday 23rd A very rainy day -
cleared off just at evening so we all

went to the "Hilton Centre House"
 kept by J. Rogers to the Fraternity
 party for the benefit of Mrs. Love
 Thursday 24th Mailed a letter to
 J. Wilson saying we would go
 on to open a day school the
 first of May. I went to the village
 mailed one to Ella also & Linda one
 home & Isaac one to B. B. Richard.
 Rec'd a letter from Geo. Purdy.
 Went after Linda & called at the
 Billings. Har. Penfield came
 home with us, stayed all night.
 Friday 25th Carried Linda to school
 & took L. Billings out to Galway
 to visit the Female Seminary
 & fetches her trunk & back home
 Had a very good visit - saw the
 Stillwell &c. Called to see Mrs. Knight
 She will come & do our sewing
 about the 29th of March. A very
 cold windy day. —

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Saturday 26th A pleasant day. I spent at home ~~sewing~~ very busy. Anna came in the A.M. & cut work to make for Ginda. Maria & John Chute visited here in the evening. Recd. a paper from J. Wilson in which was published a part of our letter to him relative to our plan for a school with the addition of quite a puff by the Editor & also the Seminary Charter in full. The article is headed "Mt Barre Seminary &c."

Sabbath 27th A very pleasant day but Caroline had the sick headache so we did not go to church. In the P.M. we rode up & called on Ann

Monday 28th A very snowy day

Tuesday March 1st A rainy day - after school Ginda & I rode down to the village.

Wednesday 2nd A pleasant day. In the evening we went down to the village.

to attend the Musical Convention
 I received a letter from Mrs P. Lee
 Thursday 3.rd A snowy day again: in
 the morning I rode up to James
 to get the balance due on my
 Rate Bill — Cleared away about
 3 P. M.

Friday — A very pleasant day —
 after school Linda & I rode
 down to the village & got the paper

Saturday 5.th A snowy day. Ann
 down in the morning with Mr W.

Sabbath 6.th A lightful day
 Linda & I went to the village
 to meeting at the Episcopal Church
 Mr & Mrs. Fort were here to dinner
 made quite a visit &c., David
 carried Ann up to R. City.

Sunday 7.th A fine day

Monday 8.th David carried Ann down to

Tuesday I rec'd a letter from Mrs Veda
 Leese hired a boy today from Washington
 named Chas Brown

Cinda closed her school for good.
Thursday 17th A splendid day for
riding out, but Cinda is not
able to go, so we spent the day
home.

Friday 18th A rainy forenoon.
In the P.M. Cinda & I went
up to visit Ann's school -
she closed today for good -
Saturday 19th Mr Weed fetched
Ann down. In the P.M. Cinda
& I went to the village - Speshy
sleighing. Cinda bought 2 2
yds. silk at Garretts at 11/6 per yd.
Sunday 20th Home

Monday 21st Mrs. Knights came
down at noon with Mr. Theophelus
Smith.

Tuesday 22nd Spent in sewing &c.
Wednesday 23rd A fine day. Cinda
& I went to Schenectady to buy
woods &c. Took the morning train &
came back at evening.

Thursday 24th Sewing all day.
 sleighing all gone - mud, mud
 Friday 25th Ditto - the same.
 Saturday 26th A rainy day. I
 received a letter from A.P.
 Smith of Lodi. Wisconsin
 Sabbath 27th I'm ready to go to ^{church}
 Monday 28th A pleasant day. H. For
 called in the forenoon ~~at 11 o'clock~~
 Tuesday 29th Mr. Wed called in P.M.
 Wednesday 30th Cinde went to
 the village
 Thursday 31st Frances Mayn
 came in the morning & spent
 the day. In the P.M. I went &
 carried Mrs. Knight's home
 awful muddy going -
 Friday April 1st Cinde packed her
 trunks & varnished them. I have bought
 David's large trunk, paid 2 of - he fetched
 up Cinde's bonnet from Miss Jones. It's
 a rainy forenoon - clear afternoon.

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Saturday 2nd A delightful day. Mr Geo. Powell
called to give Linda a note on the B. & A.
Bank for the amount due her from the
District: Our Trustees have really done the
fair thing by Linda, so much better than
most districts do, that I think they deserve
much credit. After Mr P. left, Linda &
I set out to make calls: first went to the
village, called at Mr Harris, were invited
to take some refreshments, had some cakes,
Lemonade & Orange &c; next called at Mr.
Halls to get some ~~stamps for~~ ~~trunks~~ which he made
& sent over at evening (five of them), saying he
made no charge, but Linda proposed to pay
him by giving him his ~~Bank~~ Bill of some ten
shillings. I believe which I think very generous in her.
I will however pay a part of it. Next called
at Mr Kinses & Mr Penfield & then home.
tired to death almost! Linda & I settled up all
our account square. I paid her for my part of ~~Books~~
~~share in the~~ Anatomical Charts (1.66) & for 9th ~~times~~
to see Mr Stoddard (2.70) my school book Isaac's: yet
two things remain which I wished to pay - that is my part

For Mrs Knight's dress making, which Linda insisted on paying herself for which I feel truly thankful, more especially as it seemed a pleasure to her to do it as a favor & ~~rather~~ ^{rather} ~~properly~~ ^{properly} Sabbath 3. A pleasant day, but unaccountably sad going awful maddy!! Mr B.C. Hillier is this morning to visit Ann. I have a miser headache. H. Fort & Matilda called in the P.M. Monday 4th A cloudy morning, at noon it set to rain. Linda & Ann accompanied by David set out for home David carries them to the village took the 9 o'clock train for Schenectady. I am so lonesome, seems as though night would come - how shall I endure it these long weeks - but then I ought not to think thus but rather be happy in anticipation of meeting Linda with the prospect of no more separating ^{for a long time} - how glad I am we have such a hope for were this separation to be for a long time I should give up in despair. G. White called to collect my subscription to Mr Beattie, I paid him. I believe now I have no

debts against me except one to Linda & that is for her gold pen which I supposed I had lost & forgot to pay her for it, & did not think of it till I found it this P.M. I went to the clothes press to get my lawn dress & what should I find in the pocket but the same said pen. I fear Linda will think strange in my saying nothing about paying her for it, but yet she must know it was forgotten. Mary Coleman had a great tantrum today about a letter I said fetched up from the P.M. today, she thinks some one has taken it out before & now she will not open it herself! She wants to go right down for the rein to see about it. What a fool she is - she has no more reason than a brute nor half as much -

Wednesday 5th. A very stormy day - the snow comes down in a cloud, & mud mud, no end or bottom to it. Mary is perfectly beside herself about that letter & set out, as soon as she got the morning chores up, for the village to see who took her letter - she came home about 3 P.M.

looking like a demon, dragged through a ^{man} puddle & pretending she had found out that David had taken her letter, but on facing her down to & making her own ^{to} that she had found no such thing nor a shadow of it but 'pooh' she's too contemptible to notice. ^{no} ~~own~~ meeting day - the ^{one} comic are victorious, cheating their entire ticket.

I hope Linda is not riding in this storm too
Wednesday 6th A very snowy forenoon & dirty afternoon.
I am very busy sewing.

Thursday 7th About noon Edward fetched me ~~a letter~~ from Linda, it was so unexpected ^{that} I could not imagine who it was from, but as was none the less welcome in it was a pattern for an oil silk hood for which I feel very grateful, not so much for the value of the pattern, but the thought that I was remembered & my gratification thought of when far separated, indeed this trifling thing afforded me more ^{pleasure} than a solicited favor of the amount of it ^{human}.
"What a strange compound is the human heart,
How slight a cause can bliss or woe impart."

Monday 11th A delig hful day. Mrs. Hall is much
more comfortable. I think there is hope
we get Caroline to be over at St. Joe
in the forenoon - to the Springs in P.

Tuesday 12th Mr & Mrs Thomas called here. Spent
forenoon, they pretend to be very much
disappointed in not having me in their party
but I suppose it's half gas! A rainy aftern.

Wednesday 13th A rainy unpleasant day - very busy
evening. Recd a letter from Linda.

Thursday 14th A little more pleasant

Friday 15th A fine warm day except windy! we
to the village in P.M. Called at Mr. Middel's
& Inthens. Mr. M. has bought W. A. Arnold's
for \$1500

Saturday 16th Went to the village, took Marie
down. She talks of buying my horse &c.
I have a Circular of Mount Carroll saying
very well got up - Met with Mr. Thomas ^{again}
he is here about sending Charles west with
John Paken!

Sabbath 17th A storm threatened, but cleared
in the afternoon.

Monday 18th A delightful day only cool -
Isaac & I went to the village. I mailed
a letter to Linda & Circular also a letter
to H. P. Smith, Lodi Columbia Co. Wis.
Isaac sold his Oxen Saturday for \$110.

Tuesday 19th In the P.M. I drove down to the village.
A delightful day - did some sewing. Received a letter
from Kate Case.

Wednesday 20th ~~I drove down to the village~~ Spent the
day home, sewing. A fine day.

Thursday 21st In the afternoon I drove down to
the village & met Caroline & Isaac; Received
a letter from Prof. J. M. Adams & three books.

Friday 22nd I rode over to the Crane's Paper
Mill to purchase a quantity of paper which he wants
to buy from me. Received two letters from Prof. S.

Saturday 23rd Went to the village & at my last of
H. P. Blood, my boxes of Mr. Williams & Co.
the books forwarded by Prof. J. M. Adams and
arrived. Mary Arnold & husband visited
here today.

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Debban 24th. Not a very pleasant

day - spent it home & at
Monday 25th. Arose early, to prepare
sun is very. It cloudy drizzly rain
set out from home about 7³⁰ AM
came at 9³⁰

Landings at 11 where we arrived
about 6. Put up at the "Mountain
House" where I expected to

as I came out from tea I found
a waiting for me, with her sister
Charlotte Clark, who invited to
Clark's we went

Tuesday 26th Went down in the village &
got a trunk to pack our books in
A. Speer said do

Wednesday 27th Had a long walk to
see the beauties of G. It is truly
a splendid town. Linda mailed
a letter to Prof. S. enclosing a draft
for the money due G. I. & Co for books

Thursday 28th A delightful day

Thursday 28th A delightful day. Cinda & I took the cars from Canandaigua at 12 o'clock fifteen minutes for Buffalo where we arrived about 5 P.M. met Isaac there, took tea at the P. Road House then took the Steam Boat "Empire State" for Toledo, put out at 10 in evening had a fine night, clear & still.

Friday 29th A rainy morning, stopped at Cleveland an hour to take in coal but too wet to go out in town. I should think it a fine town. Stands high & dry. The afternoon, some windy the clouds scattered motion enough to make us some sick. Cinda lost her dinner by it. Arrived at Toledo about 6 P.M. on the Lake Erie 20 hours. Took cars immediately for Chicago, stopped at White Pigeon about midnight for supper arrived at Chicago at 7 in the morning stopped at the Hamilton House to breakfast took the Steamer Erie for Milwaukee

where we arrived about 5 P.M. a
passage of 9 hours, put up at the
American House on Spring.
Saturday 20th A delightful day but I
was too sick to enjoy it, anything to
Sea Sickness! It's the climate.

Sunday May 1st A fine day but cool,
we took a walk in the morning
up town. It is a fine town, very
cleanly &c. &c. most too cold climate.
B. B. Richard called in the P.M.
Cinde don't like the gentleman
& I can't say I do pretty much.

Monday 2nd A cloudy morning. Spent the
day in writing & running about town. ^{visited} the
Normal Institute Building, called on
Mrs Lockwood &c &c. Mailed a letter
to Caroline & one to G. H. Purdy & Co.
We are well pleased with the town, beautifully
located, clean & streets wide.

Tuesday May 3rd Left Milwaukee about 7³⁰ ^M
by R. Road for Mt Carroll: arrived in Janesville ^{will}
about 2 o'clock P.M. After passing White ^{water}

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I was much pleased with the country.
Not much timber. The R. R. terminates
at Janesville & the stage does not leave ~~at~~
tomorrow. Isaac talks of taking a private
conveyance. We put up at the "American
House" at the suggestion of the Conductor.
After dinner we took a walk around town
were perfectly delighted with the place, the
city, ~~there~~ but eight years ago there ~~was~~
was scarcely a village, one small public house &
a few dwelling & shops. Janesville is situated on
Rock River about 80 miles from (S W) Milwaukee.
After tea Mr Sax the (R. R. Conductor) ordered
a Livery ~~carriage~~ & invited us to ride about
the city, we accepted: after driving about the principal
streets he drove out on the road to Beloit some
distance the scenery was truly enchanting. the beautiful
Prairie spread out before us as far as the eye
could reach dotted here & there with farm
houses, presented a pleasing appearance. We
returned about dark & received an invitation
from the same gent. to attend a concert given
by "The the Small Bell Ringers." We thought it going

two Larsons & Stanger & raised ourselves
saying Mr Nash was absent; but that did not
stop him he went & found Isaac & invited
he accepted of course to please us!! So we
out. Were much pleased, the music was per-
formed with bells, sea & oyster shells, quite
novel performance.

Wednesday May 3rd Rain, rain, rain, could not
start this morning on account of the rain
Mr Lar bade us "good bye" & returned on the
morning train to Mil. The Post Master very
kindly sent us books & papers to read, so we managed
to spend the day pleasantly.

Thurs. 5th Rainy still, obliged to remain yet another
day. Mr Lar returned about 2 o'clock & invited
invited us to go up to Whitewater where we think
Miss Ehle is teaching, but we declined. We were
invited to round about town this P.M. accepted
rode after a \$600 team, but I wouldn't give
my Greg. for farther of them. Mr Jay & Mr Rog.
(the Proprietor) gave us a call in the evening.
No one seems to know the most direct route
Mt Carroll.

Friday 6.th Did not rain, but remained very cloudy. Started from Janesville about 10 o'clock A.M. Mr Day bade us an "affectionate good bye" & asked us to write him when we arrived at our journey's end.

The country to Beloit is quite pretty (14^{miles}) but as it was so unpleasant we could not enjoy it much; Did not stop in Beloit.

Reached Rockton about 1. P.M. took dinner. The traveling is perfectly awful. Rained in the P.M. Put up for the night at a private house in the town of Howard at Mr Johnsons.

Sat. 7th As we were anxious to get to our journey's end tonight. we prepared to have an early start, but it being rainy we did not get away till 7 o'clock. We had rode 1 mile before we got into a "slew" as they term it here; a deep mud hole; broke a whiffletree & two tugs in getting out & finally were obliged to unload all baggage & pry the waggon out. We were delayed nearly two hours. Both of us standing on the wet ground during the time with rain falling

we took severe colds. After passing over a
almost impassable road, we arrived in ^{the} ~~the~~
about 1 o'clock, intending to take dinner,
but could not bring our minds to it, so sat-
-fied our appetites with crackers, fed the
horses & went on, after leaving Freeport the
roads were comparatively good; the scene
perfectly beautiful. The Prairies are very ^{very} ~~very~~
yet I like them much better than the ~~the~~
ones. Arrived at Cherry Grove about dark
& were obliged to put up for the night with
eight miles of our destination. Found quite a
comfortable house, kept by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Green~~ ^{Green}; has
a good tea & retired early. We thought to keep
shady as to who we were but they mistrusted &
asked if we were the Seminary ladies! I guess
they were rather favorably impressed, at least
they are going to send to our school &c.

Sunday 8th A fine day. We had a delightful
ride into Mt. O. We came in sight of the
town 3 miles from it. good traveling across the
Prairie, some bad places (Houghs) but we arriv

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in St. Carroll without an accident. Put up
at the First Hotel ("American House") kept by
O'Brien. I think our driver was glad to see
us at our journey's end. He came in & bade
us good bye & left town immediately; Isaac
paid him \$20.50. Every one knew us.

Mr. Wilson soon made his appearance
& invited us to his house: we went, were
not altogether pleased with him at first but he
improved upon acquaintance. His wife &
mother received us kindly. We went to M. M.
meeting in the evening. Mr. Irvine Exhorted.
Monday 9th Made several calls, one at Mr. Seamer's
where we take board: at Mr. Greys, looked
at the church &c. It will be very inconvenient
seats to be moved out every week for Sabbath.
After dinner we went to our boarding house,
we got our things arranged about tea time. Mr. Wilson
called. The Trustees met this evening to talk over
about the school, whether its best to admit little
boys into the Primary department. Some seem
much afraid it will not be a ^{by} Female Seminary

10th 11th

Mr Grattan the Editor is very anxious & we should take boys &c. We were introduced to him at Mr Greys. Called at Mr Wilsons office with Isaac, also at Mr Grattans. Mr W. owns the Telegraph apparatus here Mr Baily, the Operator (who boards here w us) showed us how they operated. In the eve Isaac & Mr Wilson called with Mrs Hostetator Mrs Halderman.

Tuesday 10th Have decided to open in the church & remain till Thorps brick building can be arranged for our convenience. Isaac & I went today to Savanna with Mr Wilson. Isaac subscribed for the Mt. E. Republican & for us one year. It came out today announcing our arrival, & quite a puff, thank to Mr Grattan I suppose.

Wednesday 11th Very rainy, rather a bad communion, we however had 11 young ladies: we all remain together for the present yet Mr Grey offers his rooms for our use. One of our young ladies, Miss Puffer, has been at Rockford Seminary

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May 12th 13th 14th 15th

one & half year, wishes to take Arithmetic
Algebra & Latin

Thursday 12th Four new scholars today. Some
have an idea of studying Latin, French,
Music &c. - They better look at the foun-
dation first, see that it's solid.

Mrs. Tompkins called in the evening.

Friday 13th Esqr. Goss called at school &
a pleasant day

Saturday 14th Pleasant, but very windy. Mr. Sain
does no washing for us though we pay 18 shilling
per week for (each of us) board, making
4.50 for both!! We have had none done
since we left home, so I did our small
washing this morning & under the ironing.
Mr. Sain is to do our washing, that is our
large pieces, at 6 p. per doz. Mrs. Wm. Leland
called after tea. Esqr. Goss also called
for us to walk although the wind was
blowing very hard, we accepted & accompanied
him to see the town & look out a location
for the Seminary buildings as they are now

agitating the subject of building. They have taken three hundred shares of five dollars. We are pleased with the location of Carroll, on a ridge, bounded on one side by a str of beautiful water (Carroll Creek) affording superior Hydraulic power &c. Mt Carr has 760 inhabitants. two "Hotels", Court house & County Offices. 2 Churches. several stores one Female Seminary, established by & under the Supervision of J. H. Wood & C. M. Gregg

Sunday 15th Pleasant, but very windy, prepared for Church supposing we were early enough; but Mr Wilson fearing we were not coming, came for us, saying that there was quite a large congregation as many were in from the count on purpose to see the Seminary teachers &c. Mr Gre. preached. The Rev. Mr Allison the Baptist clergyman was present. Mr Seaman & sister went to church with us in the evening

Monday 16th Warm. Mr Wilson says he or Mr Daily will take charge of our Latin class. We called at Mr W's in the morning, also at noon, he is having our rooms put in order

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eight new scholars today. Miss Seaman
accompanied us about town; called at Messrs.
N. Halderman, Hosteter, & Ervin. Mr. Wilson
called in the evening to say that he had procured
the services of Rev. L. V. Nelson to
take charge of ~~the~~ languages; it's quite a
relief. Mr. H. is just from Philadelphia.
Binde paid our week's board, \$4.50 for both of us.
Wed. 17th A hard thunder shower this morning,
cool, several showers during the day. I was
sick with the "teeth ache," did not go over
to school at all; commenced a letter home,
the first since we arrived at Mt. C. though,
I mailed one to Leane (directed to Trivolia
Scoria Co.) last week. In the evening Mrs. Norton
& Mrs. Grey called: asked our opinion about
their letting the girls attend parties; I wonder
if they were not quizzing. Another puff in
the "Carroll Republican."

Thursday 18th Raining windy & cold. Obliges to keep
fire today. Mr. Grey troubles himself exceedingly
about our object in coming out here; he

think if its money alone we might as well
leave off now: query. if he preaches for me
alone. Binda had an attack of feet heas
Mr Wilson & Mrs ^{Wife} & Fanny Bartholamer
called in the evening. Mrs Rapp & Mrs Jeff
called after school

Friday 21st Pleasant but cool. Mr Allison ^{call}
to see about his Latin class the day passed
pleasantly: called on Miss Pierce, not at home
called on Mrs Norton.

Saturday 21st A beautiful day. Finished a letter
to Caroline, Binda carried it to the office.
Mrs Irvine & Mrs. Brohock called. very interesting
ladies. After we called to see our rooms,
look very well: called on Mrs Wm. Halderman
Mr Wilson & Helen & Melissa called on us.

Sunday 22nd Cool & cloudy in the morning.

Attended Baptist Church. Mr Allison did very
well. we attended again in the evening

Monday 23rd Cool all day. Opened school in our
rooms this morning. Our rooms are much more
convenient than the church. we divided

our school, Linda taking charge of the Primary Department & I of the Senior. Linda has 12 scholars & I 14. We made several calls in the evening or rather after tea, called at Mrs Otis & Mchys. Our Music scholars have all flatted out, just as I expected —
 Tues. 24th Cool, yet pleasant. School as usual. Linda wrote a note & directed a letter to Mr Day of Milwaukee

Wednesday 25th Called at G. Office & Haldemans I bought a chair for my room. Called at Vellons & bought 8 1/2 yds of nankeen colored Cambric for curtains to our school room paid 1/4 per yd. After tea we went & made our curtains & put them up.

Thursday 26th Pleasant. After tea Mrs Allison & Miss Miller called on us. Called at Mr Bartholamews & Mr Greys

Friday 27th Warm & pleasant. The black boards were put up this morning. Received a letter from Caroline some two weeks ago. Today received one from Isaac. Recd a note from

Mrs L. Hostetter to take tea at her house
we accepted, found Mr. Ervine there. He
plays the Piano very well. Had a pleasant
visit. Returned before dark. & letter from Edie.

18th 28th Very warm & pleasant. After tea
called by Mr. & Mrs. Bartholomew. They
called. Mr. Wilson called in the evening.
A great view today of Savanna, on board
"Floating Palace"

Sunday 29th Cloudy & windy in the morning. Went
up to the Court house to join the Methodist
Sabbath school. Attended the service of the
United Brethren. Heard the best sermon
I have heard since I left home. Heavy thunder.
Monday 30th Very pleasant yet cool. One
new scholar today. E. Emmert. Linda comes
her class in Mono chromatic today (3)

We called at Mr. Ervine's. Mrs. Orent to Mr. Wilson
Tuesday 31st Pleasant. School as usual. Mr. Wilson
called at our room with a Mr. —
& sister, Miss Twist. She wishes to attend school.
could find no convenient boarding place

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so she came to Mr. Seaman's. Occupies our room for study. She is from Kenosha, Wis. she wishes to study ^{by} French, Botany & Algebra. Wednesday June 1st. Hard shower, then cleared away very warm. Mr. Hostetter called & invited us to walk out on the bluffs tomorrow after tea.

Thursday 2nd. Mr. Wilson called in the evening. Miss Smith wants a room alone, so he found one for her at Mr. Hawley's but after calling there & seeing the room she preferred remaining here. School as usual. We called on Mrs. Hostetter who accompanied us on a delightful walk. Linda sent by her to Galena for some books.

Friday 3rd. Pleasant. Compositions in Senior Department.

Saturday 4th. Mr. Wilson & H. accompanied us to Javana. we passed over the greatest variety of scenery I ever saw in one day, some of it delightful. arrived at J. about 10 1/2 clock. Crossed the Mississippi on the ferry boat, to Dubuque, there we took dinner. Called on the Rev. Mr. Emerson, the Pres. Clergyman there found Miss Smith & Corrie, two teachers sent by Gov. Hodge. Miss Smith had attended the

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normal school one year but not time
to finish a course of study there. She join
herself to Dr. Hedges Association & was sent
out here, is teaching some four miles back
in a. Tabula is some 3 miles sail from Savan-
na opposite & a little down the river: it bears a
striking contrast to Savanna, it being very
is almost an island, too low for health. Savan-
na is some 25 years old, (yet its not near as large as
Mt. Carroll) the town is immediately on the
river, the space before you come to the bluffs, is
quite narrow, so that if the place ever becomes
any size, the residence must be back on
bluffs. I was quite delighted with the place he
owns there & shall purchase it without delay.
Mr Wilson tells me he had a man to see
him about it, a lawyer who wished to locate
there; he offered \$100 per acre; but W. thought
it would not do, ^{for wages} to let him have it. We drove
up the river towards Helena: the river on one
side & high rocky bluffs on the other,
I could hardly see how they ever got a road

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 through there; we then came back to
 town & drove up onto the highest bluff
 where we could have a view of the river
 for some ten miles. Returned about dark:
 there are some beautiful farms between Mt. C
 & D.

June 5.th Very warm & pleasant. Church
 all day. Methodist S. School at 9. ~~Meeting~~
~~at 11~~ ~~Primer~~ meetings at 2. & Baptist in
 the evening

Mon. 6.th School as usual. Brewster scholar. Miss
 Emery. Misses Pierce, Garner & Orcutt called on
 us in the evening: very warm day.

Tues. 7.th Cinda was sick & home till 2 P.M.
 Miss Christ took charge of her Department.
 Miss Norton & the girls called in the evening: spoke
 to her of taking a boarding house for our
 school, she then to rather favorably of it. Cinda
 received a letter from C. Truman.

Wednes. 8.th Miss VanAlstine & Mrs Jackson's sister, Miss
 were here to tea

Thursday 9.th We were invited to Mr Gratton's to tea;
 accepted. after tea we had a fine walk; on our

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return we were treated to Lemonade & Ice Cream at Capt. Larises. Very tired

Friday 10th Very warm indeed. We were invited to go home with Mrs Norton & the girls. Mr. Holingsworth came for us & we arrived at tea about six o'clock. It is six miles S.W. beautiful section of country. In the evening Mr & Mrs Stearns called at Mr H's & invited us to the next day &c.

Sat. 11th Extremely warm. Mrs Stearns & Mrs ^{the} Norton came up & took dinner with us; then we went down to Mr Stearns. the have a beauty place, entirely shut in by trees & shrubbery. After tea Mr S. took us out riding: men on the bluffs where we had a beautiful view of the Mississippi bottoms, lakes & now then a glimpse of the great father of ^{river} water. The surrounding country is truly beautiful.

Sunday 12th Very very very warm. We remained at Mr Stearns, attended church at Preston Prairie, Mr Hill from Savanna preached

June 13th

Stearns

Monday 13th Arose early, very warm. Mr Stearns came & fetched us home; got here an hour before school time, had a fine ride. There is to be a 'Pic Nic' to which we are invited. Friday last, we received the following curious document or Petition signed by some of the principal gents of town &

St. Carroll June 10th 1863.

To His Honor Wood & Gregory

Teachers in the St. Carroll Seminary

Ladies.— The undersigned would respectfully solicit your consent: to granting to your pupils a suspension from study & school exercises on Wednesday 15th inst. for the purpose of affording such as desire it, an opportunity of enjoying the day in the country; believing it will be conducive to their health, & result in renewed energy on their part to study. Signed as follows.

Geo L. Hostetter	{	J. P. Emmert	{	then followed
John Irvine Jr.		John Wilson, on condition		the names of 7 of
B. R. Frohock		that it is intended to afford		our gang last
Wm. Haldeman		recreation to the young ladies as a school party		

Now we were in something of a quandary what to do, but finally decided that it would not be advisable to grant the petition any farther than to give our consent for those young ladies to go & who wished, but should not suspend the exercises of our school. In evening Mr. Wilson called twice. I was ^{engaged} with our washing so did not see him. One new scholar L. Drane.

Tuesday 14th Were invited to Mr. Ervine's to tea, accepted. Mr. Crockett & lady & two sons were there. after tea Miss Pennington called there was coming to call on us, so we came home. Extremely warm. Esqr. Miller returned from the east yesterday.

Wednesday 15th The said "Pic Nic" came off today. we expected a thin school, but only two of our young ladies attended, that shows which they are most interested in, ^{school} or pleasure parties. A hard shower just evening. Linda received a letter from Dr. Watkins & Mary W. Mr. Ervine & Mr. Rapp visited our school.

Thursday 16th Warm & pleasant

Friday 17th We were invited to Mrs. Nelly's to tea, accepted. After tea called at Mr. Shapers & Mr. Wilson's. Mr. W. invited us to walk out of town to see a farm. Linda thinks about buying it.

Saturday 18th Linda mailed a letter to Mary Watkins relative to sending us a music teacher. After tea Mr. Wilson & Helen called for us; we accompanied them out of town as much as two miles, had a delightful walk, on our return, called at ^{John} Judge Emmons also at Mr. Wilson's; he invited us to ride out to Elk Horn next Saturday, some 8 or 10^m.
Sabbath 19th Very warm. Attended church at the Court House, a Baptist minister preached. When we returned found Mr. Grist's brother here.

Sunday 20th Called at Mr. Wilson's after school. Recd. a letter from home, Isaac got home the 17th all well &c. I mailed a letter to Caroline. Mr. Irvine & Mrs. Hopton visited our school.

Before I rec'd Isaac's, Linda mailed on
to Ann, about coming out here to teach.
My Tuesday 21st Linda has a sore eye, got
Sulphate of Zinc & Sugar of Lead for:
I am not very well. Very hot!

My Wednesday 22nd. About ^{two o'clock} there came
a tremendous thunder storm & wind. Mr
Seaman came just as school was out, &
wanted to get a buggy at the Stables & fetch
us home, but we thought we could walk.
C. sent us over our Rubber & shawls & Mr. R.,
little boy, fetched each of us an umbrella
but such awful walking I never went any
where. the mud is like walking in ^{mud} ~~me~~
tallow just about as slippery & nasty.

My Thursday 23rd. Very cool since the shower. &
the P. M. Linda remained at home on
account of her eye. Yesterday we received
letters from Mr Dax of Milwaukee & John
Taylor of Springfield. Mr N. Kilderman &
Mr Hostetter called in the evening. The ^{mor} ~~Mon~~
School closed today. Mr ^{24th} Kille's people went
to the Exhibition

Friday 24.th Linda remained home all day
on account of her eye, which is very sore.
In the P. M. we had compositions read &c.
very cool but pleasant. In the evening Misses
Hallet, Pierce, & Garner called &c. Miss
Hawley leaves school today for two weeks.
Miss Garner goes home to spend the Sabbath
wished us to go with her, but Linda is not
able to go. I called at Mr Wilsons & Esqr Harris.

Saturday 25.th A delightful day. Mailed a
paper to John J. Taylor & to T. Clute.
Linda's eye is quite bad, hope it will not be
serious. After tea Mr Wilson called.

Sabbath 26.th A cool windy day: we are both about
sick so we remained home.

Sunday 27.th A cloudy, warm morning. Mr.
James Harguson called with his little girl,
wishing her to enter school &c. Linda's eye is
a little better so she went over to school in the morning.
We were invited over to Mrs Nortons to tea but did
not accept on Linda's account. After school I ran
down to the P. O. to mail some letters. Esqr Harris
treated me to a glass of beautiful Soda water. Recd.

a letter from Isaac. A very warm day.

Tuesday 28th A warm but quite airy morning.

Had a new scholar, ^{yesterday} in my room too, Mary
Tridel; A pleasant day. Shower at noon.
After tea we called at Mr Greys. Mrs G. offered
to pay for the Familiar Science she took for
her boy but we declined taking it, as we a
not choose to take any thing for the ^{ch} ^{ch}

Wednesday 29th A delightful. Were invited to the Jewell
to tea & take wine &c. (accepted.) After we return
home. Mrs Wilson (the elder) & Helen called, also
Emily Seaman & Miss J. Garner who wished
to go home with her on Saturday, but kind
eye will not allow us to go. Miss Wilson ^{called}
and spent the evening.

Thursday 30th A cloudy & cool morning.

Receives a note from Mrs Neely relative to Sophia not
attending longer than this quarter: called on her at noon.
After tea we made calls: called at Mr Grattans
Mrs Orcutt. Mr Sains. Mr Wilsons &c. On returning receive
an invitation from Mrs Hostetter to spend the evening
with her but did not get it till too late to accept. In the

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evening Mr & Mrs Bartholomew called on us, also Misses
 Pierce & Garner. Rather a troubled day —
 day July 1st A fine day. Rhetorical exercises in the
 afternoon. Compositions by all the young ladies &
 select pieces by the majority: also speaking by
 nearly all the Primary department. A treat of Mrs
 Fanny Bartholomew on the charge of writing improper
 or writing in Sophia Neely's book. Fanny acquitted
 by the jury consisting of the whole school. Received
 an invitation again down to Mrs Hostetter: accepted.
 met Mrs & Mr Wm Halderman there: spent a pleasant
 evening. Had a treat of Straw-berries ^{& cream} very nice.

Mrs Hostetter — played the Piano re.

Tuesday July 2nd An invitation to Mr Nathl. Halderman's
 to tea, accepted: had a pleasant time. Mrs Hostetter
 was there — very busy making a flag for her brother
 J. Groine — assisted her some. On our way home called
 at the Post office: Mr Harris told us of a new scholar
 we were to have on Wednesday — a Mr Beavers daughter
 we were treated to Soda water. A shower at noon.
 Sabbath 3rd Linda is quite sick — neither of us able
 to attend church. Emeline Seaman has gone out to
 Elk Horn grove to celebrate "the Fourth."

Monday 7th Independence day. No school today. Ben
not being well, we did not intend to go to the
celebration but when the time came a carriage
was sent for us & we could do no less than accept.
Mr Reubin Brush waited upon^{ed} them & Mr Ray-
son brought us home. The oration was quite
good - delivered by an Irish patriot, Edmund^{Burt}
A great crowd of people were in attendance: a
table set in the grove - a good dinner &c &c.
In the afternoon we called on Miss Pierce, at Rev.
J. V. Allison's. Miss Perington's. Mr Frohock's.
Mr Irvin's & Mr Wilson's & finally at the Post Office
I rec'd. two letters & a circular.

Tuesday 8th Two new scholars & ~~three~~ ^{now} ~~the~~ ^{as}
one are Mr "Jack Beavers" daughters. ~~Three~~ ^{left}
are Mr Bartholomew's, as we expected. they are
offended because we do not expel Miss Wally
for accusing them of writing in her book.

Wednesday 6th A fine day. were invited to Mr ^{group} ~~Pier~~
to tea, accepted. met Mrs Campbell there &c
has quite a pleasant visit. In the evening
Mrs Irvine called upon us. spent the evening

Thursday 7th A fine day. were invited to Mr. Wilsons to tea, accepted: quite a shower at evening. Mr Bartholamew called in the morning & paid his school bill & Book bill, the first was 5.82 the last 4.18.

Friday 8th A fine cool day. Mr Norton called after tea, also Mrs Dr. Miller. In the evening Rev. C. Gray sent for us to call on him. we went & found he wished to talk with us about arrangements for the next quarter &c. which conversation elicited the following reply. Mr Gray. President of the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Carroll Seminary
 Sir, Saturday 9th

We expressed to you at the commencement of our conversation last evening, our willingness to continue the school; but we were not then aware of the combination of causes for discouragement. We were conscious of having discharged our every duty faithfully & trusted that we were associated with a community

that would understand & appreciate our motives & do us justice, but it seems we are doomed to disappointment. There is if we understand you rightly, ~~an~~ ^{an} array of prejudices ~~are~~ already engendered which will be hard to contend with. Now we know not to what extent these prejudices may be carried, nor against whom they may rest, (as we were entirely ignorant of their existence previous to our conversation with yourself last evening) but if they are of such a nature as to make our connection with the school a detriment to its interest, we would wish to discontinue that connection at once. Do not understand us that we are easily discouraged - not so - ordinary difficulties, immediately connected with our duties as teachers. I think we are prepared to surmount & were we assured of the countenance & influence of the ^{by} Trustees & the approval of those ^{who} have favored us with their patronage, we should stand firm to our enterprise.

I repeat it, we have discharged our ~~several~~ duties. Faithfully, however we have nothing to

reproach ourselves with & have no concessions
 to make; ^{to any one} If there were circumstances existing
 which it was for our interest & that of the enterprise
 to have been ~~made~~ acquainted, we cannot but
 feel that the fault must rest with the friends
 of the enterprise, that we were not earlier in-
 formed of them: and to expect us to gather such
 information from the ordinary gossip of the
 day is preposterous, for gentlemen must know.
 That we as bodies of correct & upright feelings
 & motives, wish to have no fellowship with news-
 carriers & scandal bearers: here permit to say
 we are truly grateful to you & ^{to} Mr Grey, as the
 President of your Board, for the kind & gentle-
 manly course he adopted & as we have said
 before, had that course been earlier adopted
 it might ~~would~~ no doubt have spared us much
 pain & mortification & ~~perhaps~~ your beloved
 enterprise a stigma which we, as we love the
 cause we have espoused, would most gladly have
 had averted. And now we ask you as gentlemen
 & as a committee who have this enterprise entirely

at your control, to scan our every act ^{with} as
as teachers & as ladies & if you find ought
make you feel that we are not the person
you could wish to take charge of your sch.
to whom you can give your confidence, we
you to inform us, & rest assured will not
remain in the way of those you may deem
more worthy the trust or, if there are
feelings engendered in the minds of say
you from misrepresentation which shall
be prejudicial to us as teachers, let them ^{have}
their full bearing now if ever, for, most
assuredly, if we have fallen in with a
community, whose vital interest (the cause
of education) is to be controlled by petty gossip
middle talkers, we would most gladly be ^{released}
from being longer identified with that
community.

P.S. We have come to the conclusion that
it will not be for our interest or that of
this school to invest our private capital in

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buildings in this place. We hold ourselves in
readiness to. If it should be unanimous
vote of Trustees that we remain with
you as teachers (or here instead of with you)
we shall feel it our duty as well as pleasure
to labor indefatigably for those entrusted
to our care, & hold ourselves in readiness
to agree to any equitable proposition
the Board may propose.

Respectfully submitted
to the Trustees of W. C. L. Seminary
per Rev. C. Gray.

by Misses Wood & Gregory.
P.S. Mr Gray will confer a favor by laying
this before the Board at their meeting.
J. A. W. & C. H. G.

The above was handed to Mr Gray by Linda
about 6 P.M.

Sabbath 10.th A very warm day. Attended
Mr Gray's Church in the morning. A ^{strange} ~~strange~~
(Mr Mason) preached in the afternoon & we
attended. Liked him very well.

Monday 11.th A delightful day. We were invited
Mr Jesse Rapp to tea: quite a company present
namely, Mr & Mrs. Thomas Rapp. Rev Mr & Mrs
& lady. Mrs James Irvine & Mr ^{Wm} Thomas
Adamson from Philadelphia. Had a very
pleasant time &c. &c.

Tuesday 12.th A delightful day. Received a report
to our address to the Board of Trustees as
follows.

"Mt. Carroll, July 12th 1853.

Misses Wood & Gregory

Principals of the Female

Sept. Mt Carroll Sem^y—

"Ladies—"

Within please find Resolutions
which now constitute a part of the Record
of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees,
~~the~~

the Mt Carroll Seminary "

"Your Most Obt.

& Humble Servt,

John Wilson Secy

of the Board of Trustees"

(Within was found.)

The following Resolutions
were unanimously adopted by the Board
of Trustees of the Mt. Carroll Seminary
at a meeting thereof held at the Secy's
Office on Monday evening the 11th day of
July 1853."

Resolved — That we highly commend the
course pursued by Misses Wood & Gregory
in the discharge of their duties as
Principals of the "Female Department"
of the Mt. Carroll Seminary during the
present Quarter."

Resolved — That the Secy be instructed to
inform Misses Wood & Gregory that the

Board unanimously have the most
implicit confidence in their integrity
& their ability to conduct successfully
the Female Department of our Semina-
ry also to communicate to them that it is
the unanimous wish & desire of the Trustees
that they should continue with is in charge
of the young ladies of our Seminary - and
we here pledge our United aid in
their behalf, also will use our undivided
influence for the success of the enterprise
by them so nobly undertaken" —

"Calvin Gray Pres^t"

"for John Wilson Secy"

The above was handed to me about 9 in the
morning of
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Tuesday 12th In the evening Mr Wilson called
to report to us the business of the meeting &c.
among other things to talk of an arrangement
about boarding our scholars the next quar-
ter. Mr Gray proposes to go on and enlarge his
house, raise another story & convert it into
a boarding house for the school. but we
hardly think it just the thing. nor do the
committee on the arrangement, so we made
our proposition to them - that is as
we had talked with Mr Seaman
to take our scholars at 1.50 per week, though
we continue to pay the same as now. Mr W.
was pleased with the proposition & will report
to the committee on the subject. Mrs Hostetter
spent the evening with us &c.

Wednesday 13th The committee are out today to select
a location for the Seminary building.
They ratified the arrangements with Mr Seaman
about board. After school Messrs Halderman
& Milson called to report progress again &
consult about circulars for next quarter &c.

Thursday 14.th Mailed a letter home. A very hard
shower last night. Miss Pennington called
to see if she could take lessons in French.
Friday 15.th A fine day - our usual Bretonical ~~days~~
series in the afternoon

Saturday 16.th Spent the day in writing. In the morn-
ing Hostetter sent us a present of ^{a jar of} beautiful
currant jelly. Prepared our part of the Circ^{lar}
& sent it down to Mr Wilson by Helen. In the
evening Mrs Prime made us quite a visit - She is
truly a noble, amiable woman - if this town could
boast of more such women our school must
succeed.

Sabbath 17.th In the morning I attended the Sabbath
School: they gave me a new class & a good one,
I think now I may attend regularly & with some inte-
rest. Heard Mr Winslow (the circuit preacher) for the
first: it was Mrs Edwards funeral sermon. In the
evening we heard Mr Allison &c.

Monday 18th A fine day. Received two letters.
The Trustees have a meeting again tonight
Mrs Norton called after tea &c.

Tuesday 19th A cool, fine day. In the Republican
of today, we find published the Resolutions
by the Trustees relative to Misses Wood & Greg-
ory, quite flattering.

Wednesday 20th A cool morning but pleasant, very.

Thursday 21st Received an invitation of Miss Davies
to tea, accepted, had a splendid supper, every
thing nice & Lee Cram to finish off with.

Friday 22nd A fine day, in the evening we called
at Mr Wilsons to talk over the plan of Secondary
Building, as he had proposed we should draw one.

Saturday 23rd Received the Reports last night &
spent the day in making them out for the
Scholars &c. The Trustees had a meeting this
afternoon & Mr Wilson called to consult us about
(Mrs Grattan & Mr Kelderman called in P.M.)

the location for Seminary buildings &c. also
 to report the proceedings of the meeting &c.
 & farther, was deputized by the Board to
 invite us to go out on Monday morning w.
 Messrs Helderman & Wilson to visit the several
 seminary sites which they have in view
 & their meeting for deciding the location is
 deferred till Monday morning, after we shall
 have visited said sites & given our choice
 &c. They say as they wish us to remain in charge
 of the school &c, they deem it essential that
 we should make choice of such a locat^{ion}
 as shall please us &c. Mrs Irvine was here
 Mr Wilson called & she remained till he
 left at the same time with herself. While
 they were here Mr Harris fetched me a letter
 Sabbath 24th I attended Sabbath school as they
 came down to Mr Greys to meeting; attended^{there}
 in the evening also.

Monday 25th We arose early & prepared for
 our ride. The gentlemen called for us ab^{out}
 7 o'clock: we first visited points east of the

Town & then south - the last one we visited
 was far the most pleasant, & we expressed
 our preference for it, to the Trustees. In the
 evening the committee on Plans for the
 building called here to have their meeting,
 that we might consult with them &c.
 The committee consisted of Messrs Kalderman
 Wilson & Gop accompanied by an architect
 (Mr Jeffers) Spent the evening in explaining
 our plan to them & in their trying to
 make amendments but they could not
 improve upon it much!! finally gave
 it over to Mr Jeffers to make a draft &
 present at their meeting on Wednesday
 Tuesday 26th Our quarter closed today, quite a
 number of visitors were present in the P.M.
 among them was Mr Armour a young lawyer of
 the place, who took notes &c. On coming home
 we found Mr Jeffers waiting for us to get the
 ground plan of the Seminary building - he
 seems to think it first rate &c.
 In the evening we called at Mr Grivins

Wednesday 27th The Board met again today
& adopted our plan of building, surveyed
the ground &c. We called at Messrs Gosses,
Hostetters, Rapps, Wilsons, Haldermans, & Graes
also at Brohock's store & the Post Office
Cinda received a paper & Philosophical
Arithmetic from Prof. Stoddard. Mr Grae
is getting out our Circulars. I have also given
him a form to put on the outside of envelope
Mr Wilson called in the evening to report
progress of meeting &c. & to talk about a loan
which they wish us to make them, of about
one thousand dollars &c. &c.

Thursday 28th Very busy - a fine day &c
Mr Wilson to get our signature to the paper
for funds to build the Seminary. We took
twenty shares of five dollars each &c. Mr
Grattan sent us up some of the envelope
he had struck off. Several of the Trustees
have taken a quantity for their own private
use &c. Miss Pierce called in the evening &
paid her tuition bill

Friday 29th Before we were up in the morning.
 Miss M. J. Adams came with a message from
 Mr. Halderman, inviting us to accompa-
 ny her out to Cherry Grove, we accepted.
 & they called for us about 1/2 past 9 - had
 a delightful ride & were well received by
 Mr. Garner's people - had a pleasant visit, rather
 We went out in the P.M. to see a Reaper at
 work, the first I ever saw in operation.

Saturday 30th A very warm day. Linda was
 quite sick, taken with vomiting, towards
 morning, & sick all day. we came home
 however immediately after dinner: tired enough
 & heartily glad to get home again! Mr. Wilson
 called in the evening to devise means to get
 rid of Miss Christ - oh dear what a pest to com-
 munity she is I would have given a good deal
 "ad she never set her self in Mt. Carroll"
 Sabbath 31st A very rainy day till about 3 P.M.
 passed away pleasant &c. Miss Christ's brother
 is come & I sincerely hope he will take
 her away with him

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Monday Aug 1st A cloudy morning. Miss ^{Mrs} ~~Wright~~ took her exit this morning & I am ^{very} ~~heart~~ glad. Opened school again today; three new scholars number today 23. Emeline came home from Elk Horn before noon.

Tuesday 2nd A fine day. 27 scholars. Had an interview with his Honor. Wm G Miller. Last evening we called at Esqr Harris. Esqr. Wilson. Mr Lighters & Mr Norton. Mrs Halderman and Mrs Hostetter called in the evening of Monday.

Wednesday 3rd Had the headache so I could not go to school. Received a letter & paper. A hard shower just as school was out. Sent to the Post Office 15 circulars, one paper & one letter.

Thursday 4th A cloudy morning & cool. Mrs Gratten was here to tea. Miss Hanley called in the evening.

Friday 5th A warm day. Mrs Hostetter called in the evening & invited us down there to the dinner tomorrow - accepted

Saturday 6th Were at Mrs Dr. Hostetter's to dinner. Had a splendid dinner. Mr Tompkins & Lady & Messrs Brush & Ervina (Had an invitation to attend a show at the Court House declined

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were there. On our return we were
invited into to Esqr Larries & treated to
Ice cream, apples & Soda water.

After tea Mr Wilson & Mrs Irvine were
here. Esqr W. is very much engaged
about getting a gentleman teacher to open a
school for boys & wants us to write to Prof
Stoddard & see if he can be obtained &c.
Sabbath 7th Attended Sabbath school & church.
Monday 8th A fine day: one new scholar, Miss
Charlotte Grant from Elk Horn: boards
here &c. Mrs Ray was here to tea. Mr Campbell
called to say the teachers meeting is this evening.
(Attended &c.) after tea the Rev. Mr Clark
called to see if we would engage in Tract
distribution &c. Our scholar first met here
this evening to study. Received a letter from home.
uesday 9th A puff in the Republican, from
the Freeport paper for the Seminary
& Hot day. Mrs Irvine called in the evening
We took a walk after tea up to the Seminary
grounds &c.

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Wednesday 10th Hot day! emph. Latex
Received a letter from B. H. P.

Thursday 11th Mailed a letter to Prof. Stoddard.

Binda was sick in the P. M. & did not go to school
Friday 12th As Binda was not able to be in school
& being so extremely warm I dismissed in the
afternoon & spent in preparing map skeleton
for my scholars.

Saturday 13th Very warm. Spent the day in laying
out maps.

Sabbath. 14th Attended Mr. Allison's meeting
in the morning. After dinner Rev. Mr. Allison
called & invited us to go out to Camp meeting some
5 miles from town, but we did not feel able so
we declined.

Monday 15. A Circus here today, very annoying, not
doing anything.

Tuesday 16th Eggs Harris fetched up two very large
Watermelons to our school room as a present to
our scholars - very acceptable.

Wednesday 17th Hot. Mrs. Irvine & Frohock called
in the evening also Mr. Wm & Helen.

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Thursday 18th A great change in the weather
very cool & pleasant. Our scholars very
much interested re. Mrs Hostetter, ^{and} Halderne
called in the evening. The Seminary building
bes between Mr Jeffres & Dennis, Contractors
Friday 19th Cool & pleasant. Mr Wilson called
in the morning to get some drawing paper
to have another draft of the building made re
Saturday 20th Washing day. Received a note
inviting us to Mr Wm Halderne's tea
at 3 o'clock. accepted: found Mrs & Mr
Brooks there: spent a very pleasant afternoon
Sabbath 21st My birth day. Went to church
in the forenoon & evening. Prof Wheeler &
lady were here to dinner.

Sunday 22nd Received a letter. Mr N. Halderne
t. r. re Mr Rinehart sends Lucy Shaper to
school & that we are to look to him for pay
&c. quite generous

Sunday 23rd In the evening Mr Wilson called to
get a receipt for laster blackboard &c.

Wednesday Sept. 1. - Jacob Emmert's child
 buried today. In the P.M. Mr Carpenter
 called with a Miss Thompson from Leavenworth
 who wishes to enter school; took supper.

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Wednesday 12th A rainy day. Spent it in putting down carpets in the Semmy rooms Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 — yesterday we cleaned bedsteads which Wm Haldeman purchased in Chicago @ \$8 apiece — blk walnut & sofa — very neat —